



## **Minutes of the June 3, 2020 Meeting Held on Microsoft Teams**

**Task Force Members Present:** Jason Mayer, Kim Mayer, Holly Shader, Franco Carucci, Mark Varian, and Stephen Weir, Recording Sect.

**Task Force Members Excused.** Suger Rowinski, Rick Irizari, Rebecca Carucci and Aimee Spring-Cecil

**Guests In Attendance:** Tara Hoey.

**Opening:** Jason opened the meeting. The prior meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Introductory Remarks:** Jason congratulated Holly for bringing the EV charging station to life. Jason charged his car on it and it is fully operational.

He also sent a letter of support to UCCA, on behalf of CSG, in support of a their proposed grant regarding a “Plastic Free July.”

### **Recurring Business:**

- 1. CCA.** Mark attended the county Zoom meeting of May 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was hosted by Mike Jordan of Joule. Mike wants Joule to manage the energy requirements for participating towns. Joule is working on “merchant development”, a concept whose intent is the development of local solar installations generating 5 to 8 MW. Mark noted that the county’s CCA’s program is being hampered by oversupply and that HEAP client’s prices are considerably low. He will provide. Mike feels that Joule could be more competitive if they utilize the wind, hydro and solar sources.
- 2. Gardiner CCA.** Franco is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Good Energy. Mark will set up the Zoom. Franco briefed the Town Board on our meeting with Joule and indicated that we may have some follow up questions for Joule.



3. **Dark Skies.** Jason has been in touch with James and asked about advertising the program. Mike has not replied yet. CSNP is extremely interested and Franco thinks this is a good idea to share the program with them.
4. **EV Charging Station.** Now that the station is operational, we need to improve our signage and advertise our sponsors.
  - **Sponsors.** The Liquid Mercantile is covering the cost for six months; the Ranch for 12. Kim will seek a sponsor for the remaining six months. Holly will advertise the sponsors on Plugshare and Chargepoint, as well as the local print media.
  - **Monitoring.** Holly will also work with the DEC to ensure they have a link to the monitoring.
  - **Signage.** Franco will see if he can find a source to make a permanent sign indicating that this is a CSG project..
  - **Operational Cost.** Holly, David Dukler, Jason are splitting the non-demand costs. Jason will ask Marybeth if the funds should be deposited in a dedicated account.
  - **Charging.** Jason is dealing with the electric installer to see if we can ensure more than a 7.2 kw charge sum for the two terminals.
  - **Opening Ceremony and Points** Steve indicated that he could assist in getting Jen Metzger for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Steve also reiterated the need for documentation so that we can ensure that we receive the six points on the portal.
  - **Parking Spaces.** Jason stated that we have to get the parking spaces in front of the station dedicated and will contact Marybeth.
5. **Natural Resources Inventory.** Steve briefed on the NRI meeting and separate minutes are provided as an attachment. The good news is that DEC is spearheading the project so it will be in compliance with their requirements. The project's maps are posted on the Gardiner Town website but they still have to do the narrative. They will brief the Town Board on 6/9.
6. **Climate Smart Communities Portal:** Steve updated the committee on the portal progress. He indicated that we appear to have 93 points documented but that a review will be needed to ensure this is correct. Steve reiterated that we need documentation on the EV station. He is working on assessing the points that we can claim for the NRI and will upload links to the Town website. Were we to finalize the CCA (18 points), the NRI (10), the annual Expo (2) and the EV station (6), we would have 129 points.
7. **Riversweep.** The annual cleaning of garbage from the Wallkill River is delayed until October. There was a discussion on the Wallkill Watershed Alliance and making an appointment to plant a tree at the watershed. Franco will send a blast out.
8. **LED: No update.**
9. **Trees for Tribs.** No update
10. **Solar Array.** No update.
11. **Community GHG Study.** Mark called Nat Roberts, a government consultant to the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI). Through them, we can

obtain software to do the study correctly for \$600. Mark will seek out grants or get funding through our EXPO, when held.

**12. Virtual Gardening Presentation.** Franco indicated that presentations could be arranged thru FB Live.

### **Closing Notes and Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The **next meeting** will be July 1st at the Town Hall @ 7 p.m. or via a teleconferencing. Stay safe!



Submitted by Stephen Weir

Addendum:

### **NRI Meeting of June 2, 2020**

Present: Nate Nardi Cyrus, DEC, Project Manager; Ingrid Haeckel, DEC; Roberta Clements, Jean Mc Grane, Carol Richman, Planning Board, Laura Rose, Franco Carucci and Stephen Weir.

#### **Projects:**

**Map Status** – The Project team has completed 23 maps which detail climate related assets, such as water resources, steep slopes, soil composition, land usage, etc. The intent of the maps is to be used by the Planning Board in evaluating new developments and their possible impact on these resources. The maps may be assessed on

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13A1yhpsyVFh08ZfYky5XqXC2fBxiSu1A>

**NRI Narrative** – The narrative still has to be developed. Nate is using a DEC template. All the narrative sections will employ hyperlinks. He is looking for a 2 to 3-page narrative max. on each map. He anticipates having a draft by the end of July, with comments being received in August. Given this, he feels the narrative will be done by September.

**Outreach Efforts** – Roberta will work on an outreach press release and Town Blast. The NRI will brief the Town Board on 6/9.